

Office of the
Legislative Fiscal Analyst

FY 2005 Budget Recommendations

Joint Appropriations Subcommittee for
Natural Resources

Utah Department of Natural Resources
Wildlife Resources - Reimbursement

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1.0 Summary: Wildlife Resources - Reimbursement

UCA 23-19-39 requires the Division of Wildlife Resources to request General Funds from the Legislature, to reimburse the Wildlife Resources Restricted Account, a sum equal to the fees that were lost by the mandated issuance of free hunting and fishing licenses to:

- Those 65 years of age or older
- Residents of the State Developmental Center, State Hospital, a veteran's hospital or nursing home, a mental health center, and certain other institutions
- The blind, paraplegic, mentally retarded, permanently disabled, and terminally ill
- Children in custody of the state
- Youth in custody of the Division of Youth Corrections.

	Analyst FY 2005 Base	Analyst FY 2005 Changes	Analyst FY 2005 Total
Financing			
General Fund	68,000	6,800	74,800
Total	<u>\$68,000</u>	<u>\$6,800</u>	<u>\$74,800</u>
Programs			
General Fund Restricted - Wildlife	68,000	6,800	74,800
Total	<u>\$68,000</u>	<u>\$6,800</u>	<u>\$74,800</u>

2.0 Issues: Wildlife Resources - Reimbursement

2.1 Funds Transfer

The Analyst recommends transferring \$6,800 from the Predator Control line item to the Reimbursement line item. These funds would come from excess funds in the Predator Control line item's base.

General Fund.....\$6,800

2.2 Additional Funds Requested

The total amount of funds necessary to cover the price of free or subsidized licenses issued in the last fiscal year is \$260,700. Due to General Fund cuts in the last two years, the base budget for this line item is now \$68,000. The division has requested a base budget increase to make up the difference, but the Analyst is unable to recommend this increase at this time.

3.0 Programs: Wildlife Resources - Reimbursement

3.1 Reimbursement

Recommendation

The Analyst recommends General Funds in the amount of \$74,800 for this program. General Funds reimburse the division's restricted account.

	2003	2004	2005	Est/Analyst
Financing	Actual	Estimated*	Analyst	Difference
General Fund	68,000	68,000	74,800	6,800
Total	\$68,000	\$68,000	\$74,800	\$6,800
Expenditures				
Other Charges/Pass Thru	68,000	68,000	74,800	6,800
Total	\$68,000	\$68,000	\$74,800	\$6,800

*Non-state funds as estimated by agency

Funds Transfer

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General Fund.....\$6,800

Purpose

This line item accounts for hunting and fishing subsidies given by the state to defined categories of citizens.

4.0 Additional Information: Wildlife Resources - Reimbursement

4.1 Funding History

	2001 Actual	2002 Actual	2003 Actual	2004 Estimated*	2005 Analyst
Financing					
General Fund	200,100	172,200	68,000	68,000	74,800
GFR - Wildlife Resources	(200,100)				
Total	\$0	\$172,200	\$68,000	\$68,000	\$74,800
Programs					
GFR - Wildlife Resources		172,200	68,000	68,000	74,800
Total	\$0	\$172,200	\$68,000	\$68,000	\$74,800
Expenditures					
Other Charges/Pass Thru		172,200	68,000	68,000	74,800
Total	\$0	\$172,200	\$68,000	\$68,000	\$74,800

*Non-state funds as estimated by agency.